

**GQ Completion Schedule:**

-By December, 2006 : 95%

**Inter-connecting village health-care Centres**

226. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO propose to inter-connect village health-care Centres in the country with the top-notch medical facilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is action plan under the above project to connect village health-care Centres with district hospitals in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) As part of application of space technology for the societal development, ISRO has taken up Tele-medicine initiative linking health Centres and hospitals in remote and rural areas to specialist medical facilities available in urban areas. Currently 148 rural/ district hospitals including 5 mobile medical units are connected to 34 specialty medical Centres.

(c) In the State of Orissa, currently, three Medical College Hospitals at Cuttack, Bulla and Behrampur have been provided with Tele-medicine facilities. Further, installation of Tele-medicine systems are in progress in 5 District hospitals of Kalahandi, Koraput, Sundergarh, Mayurbhanj and Kurda. Tele-medicine facilities are planned to be extended to 37 village clusters in 15 districts of the Orissa State under the Village Resource Centre programme.

**Rate of employment and unemployment rural vis-a-vis urban areas**

227. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the 61st Round of Employment

and Unemployment Survey for July, 2004 to June, 2006, carried out by the NSSO, the unemployment rate in rural areas is 17 per cent and unemployment in urban areas is 45 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a sharp increase in the rate of unemployment during the last two years;

(c) whether any assessment has been made to this effect;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the survey revealed that the unemployment rate in women is higher than that of men; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) to (d) As per the 55th and 61st round of NSSO, unemployment rates in the country on usual status basis during 1999-2000 and 2004-05 are given below:

Year	Rural (%)			Urban (%)		
	Male	Female	Person	Male	Female	Person
1999-2000	1.7	1.0	1.5	4.5	5.7	4.7
2004-05	1.6	1.8	1.7	3.8	6.9	4.5

The results of these surveys indicate that while unemployment rate in the rural areas has marginally gone up in the urban areas, it has marginally declined.

(e) and (f) As per the 61st round survey mentioned above, the unemployment rate in women is 1.8 and 6.9 per cent, as compared to 1.6 and 3.8 per cent in men, in rural and urban areas respectively. The survey has also collected data on the reasons (as per the information's views) for break in employment for those who ever worked, as under:

*Per 1000 distribution of unemployed (15 to 59 yrs.) who ever worked by reason for break in employment*

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Reasons for break in employment	Rural		Urban	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Loss of earlier job	35	13	121	34
Quite earlier job	43	54	160	232
Lay-off without pay	9	2	17	29
Unit closed	27	8	90	52
Lack of work in the enterprise	189	116	149	114
Lack of work in the area	519	676	239	241
Others	173	132	223	298
all (including n.r.)	1000	1000	1000	1000

**Tube roads for urban areas**

228. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are planning for tube roads in future;
- (b) if so, the details worked out so far;
- (c) whether Government have identified several roads which would function as urban relief roads; and
- (d) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. At present there is no proposal for Tube roads under consideration.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.